

United States
**Census
2000**

The best way to make sure people like yourself are represented in the census is to simply fill out the form and encourage others to do so.

What Every College Student Should Know

A Guide for College Communities

Why You Should Answer the Census.

Money and services flow into communities based on demographic data obtained from the census. To find out how census numbers could affect neighborhood services, housing availability, your job prospects and even your next research paper, read on.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with others, including welfare agencies, Immigration, IRS, courts, police or the military. The law works — millions of questionnaires were processed during the 1990s without any breach of trust.

Just a Few of the Ways the Census Benefits You.

- The distribution of billions of dollars in state and federal funds is based on census numbers — We're talking schools, job centers and playgrounds.
- The census helps us understand labor supply — Employers need to know where the next generation of workers is coming from.
- Scientific research depends on census data — Sociology reports, medical studies, statistical profiles and maybe even your own research papers depend on census data.
- Planners use the census to develop recreational programs — Children need playgrounds, older people may want parks and you may want a bike path. Knowing the population mix is key for recreational planning.
- Planning for public transportation services, such as selecting bus routes and subway stops, requires census numbers — The bus won't stop if no one knows there's someone waiting.
- The census is needed to establish fair market rents and enforce fair lending practices — Important to anyone who wants to keep a roof over their head.
- The census helps identify areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans — The census collects information on housing conditions too.

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For additional information about Census 2000, visit the Census Bureau's Internet site at <http://www.census.gov> or call one of our Regional Census Centers across the country:

Atlanta 404-331-0573

Boston 617-424-4977

Charlotte 704-344-6624

Chicago 312-353-9759

Dallas 214-655-3060

Denver 303-231-5029

Detroit 248-967-9524

Kansas City 816-801-2020

Los Angeles 818-904-6522

New York City 212-620-7702
or 212-620-7703

Philadelphia 215-597-8312

Seattle 206-553-5882

If You Are Not Living With Your Parents, Fill Out Your Own Census Form.

Census 2000 will count people at their usual residence, the place where they live and sleep most of the time. This place is not necessarily the same as the person's voting residence, legal residence or permanent residence.

- Students living away from home while attending college are counted where they are living at college. Census takers will distribute questionnaires to people who live in dormitories. People living in off-campus housing where mail is delivered by street name and house number will receive a census questionnaire in the mail. The questionnaire will be delivered by census takers to housing in other areas.
- Students living at their parents' home while attending college are counted at their parents' home.
- Students who are citizens of foreign countries, but who are part of a household in the U.S., are counted at that household.
- Students who are citizens of foreign countries and are temporarily traveling or visiting in the U.S. are not counted in the census.

It's Easy to Participate.

- Census 2000 questionnaires will be easy-to-read and simple to fill out.
- For assistance in several languages, call the toll-free telephone number printed on the questionnaire.
- A census taker, sworn to protect the confidentiality of your answers, will assist students in dormitories who have questions about the census questionnaire.
- Questionnaire Assistance Centers will help people living off campus fill out their questionnaires.
- If you do not receive a questionnaire, you can pick one up at a Questionnaire Assistance Center or other public place.

Looking for Part Time, Temporary Work?

Hiring from the community is an important part of Census 2000's strategy for success. The Census Bureau is actively seeking bilingual recruits to staff facilities and conduct the census. Flexible hours are available. Call toll-free **1-888-325-7733** for more information about Census 2000 jobs.